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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Morrow et al. Confirmation No.: 9536
Appl. No.: 09/989,289 Group Art Unit: 2831
Filed: November 20, 2001
For: TONEABLE CONDUIT AND METHOD OF PREPARING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
37 CFR § 1.115

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

1. (Amended) A toneable conduit, comprising:
an elongate polymeric tube having a wall with an interior surface, an exterior surface, and a predetermined wall thickness; a channel extending longitudinally within the wall of the elongate polymeric tube; and a stabilizing rib extending longitudinally along the interior surface of the wall of the elongate polymeric tube and located radially inward from said channel; and
a continuous, high elongation wire coincident with the channel in the elongate polymeric tube, said wire coated with a coating composition that prevents the wire from adhering to the polymer melt used to form the polymeric tube;
said high elongation wire capable of transmitting a toning signal to allow the conduit to be detected by toning equipment and capable of being torn out of the polymeric tube to allow the conduit and wire to be coupled.

30. (Amended) A method of coupling a first toneable conduit with a second toneable conduit, comprising the steps of:

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